The Enemy 24,000 Strong

The Flower of the Rebel Trans-Mississippi Army.

Parsons, Marmaduke, Frost, and Rains in Command.

Our Ferces Only 6,000 to .7,000 Strong.

Desperate Fighting from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m.

Arrival of Gen. Blunt with 5,000 Troops.

The Rebels Repulsed with Great Slaughter.

OUR LOSS 600-REBEL LOSS 1,500.

Gen. Herron's forces, en route to reenforce Gen.

Prairie, ten miles south of Fayetteville, Ark., and wen a decisive victory.

The enemy were 24,600 strong, divided into four divisions, under Gens. Parsons, Marmaduke, Frost, and Raine, all under Gen. Hindman, and embraced the flower of the Rebel trans-Mississippi army, well couplied, with 18 pieces of artillery.

The enemy thanked Gen. Blunt's positions at Cave

Gen. McNeil is in town. It is now stated by authority that the messenger sent by Gen. Helmes to demand McNeil's surrender sent at lie not clear to operating him to come here at all is not clear to outside observers. McNeil is in the possession of a cardioad of letters from Union men in North Missouri commending his retultatory policy, and saying in substance that it has necomplished wonders in souri commending his retultatory policy, and saying in substance that it has necomplished wonders in sourie commending his retultatory policy, and saying in substance that it has necomplished wonders in sourie commending his retultatory policy, and saying in substance that it has necomplished wonders in sourie commending his retultatory policy, and saying in substance that it has necomplished wonders in sourie commending his retultatory policy, and saying in substance that it has necomplished wonders in sourie commending his retultatory policy, and saying in substance that it has necomplished wonders in sourie commending his retultatory policy, and saying in substance that it has necomplished wonders in sourie commending his retultatory policy, and saying in substance that it has necomplished wonders in sourie commending his retultatory policy, and saying in substance that it has necomplished wonders in sourie commending his retultatory policy.

The enemy flanked Gen. Blunt's positions at Cave Hill, and made a sudden attack on Gen. Herron to prevent him uniting with Gen, Blunt.

Pfineis, 19th and 20th Iowa, 26th Indiana, 20th Wiscopein and a battalion or two of cavalry-in all.

The battle raged from 10 a, m, until dark, and was desperately fought throughout. Our artillery drove the Rebels from two strong positions, and kept their fire. The 19th Iowa also took same battery, and sield it. Almost every regiment distinguished it-

Bill with 5,000 men, and a strong force of artillery, and attacked the Rebels in the rear. The Rebels made desperate efforts to capture his batteries, but were repulsed with terrible slaughter. We held the whole field at dark, and before 9 o'clock that night | the entire Rebel force were in full retreat over Bos-

Our loss in killed and wounded was 600. The Rebels loss was 1,500, by their own admission.

Several of the Rebel field officers were killed, to the telegraphic dispatch announcing his death, among them Col. Stole, commanding a brigade, formerly a Brigadier in the Missouri State Guard. Only a few prisoners were taken. We captured the appearance of being at least ten years older four calesons filled with ammunition.

Lieutenant-Colonel McFarlan, of the 19th Iown Regiment, was the only field officer on our side killed. Major Hubbard, of the 1st Missouri Cavalry, can trace their military career back to the last war was taken prisoner.

From Our Special Correspondent. Sr. Louis, Dec. 7, 1882. Reports from Gen. Blant and Gen. Herron, in the South-West, are interesting. The Rebel General. Hindman, has moved northward across Soston Mountain with the bulk of the Rebel troops recently so ingleriously scattered by the advance of the Army of the Frontier, and, having united with Marma-duke-who retreated while his flag of truce to Gen. Blust was absent—the combined strength of the Rebels who threaten once the invasion of this State. Before doing this, however, they most light a battle, and their game ping; overwhelm it by superior numbers, and then annihilate the balance of the Army of the Frontier in the same way. This is the game Van Dorn and Price tried at Pen Rilge, on very nearly the same ground upon which Hindman is now advancing Having failed to win there, it is not likely to win now, for, anticipating the tactics of the Rebels, who for all the price tried and the price tried tried to the price tried tried tried to the price tried tried tried tried tried to the price tried tried tried tried tried tried tried to the price tried tr Blunt was absent-the combined strength of the Rebels is sufficient to induce them to threaten once

cipated by military antionity, and an many instances negroes thus freed have been kidnapped, carried into the interior and resold into Slavery. The Frovost Marsial General has drawn from Gen. Curtis a letter of kertraction for his guidance in such cases. The letter is as follows:

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CORRECTION—Col. ERVING.

In the "obituary of gallant officers recently destinates to judge of the states o

New-Yor



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Amendments to the Constitution and an acceptance of the President's Emancipation scheme are urged with a show of plausibility and sincerity, but these

self same editors, commencing with the venerable editor of The Republican, would to-morrow tighten the shackles on every clave in our midst if they

Gen. McNeil is in town. It is now stated by au-

The stoppage of all shipments down the river to

longed to the Lecompton Chamber of Commerce, closed by the Provost Marshal and has borne only

Obituary.

Col. and Brevet Brig.-Gen. Sylvester Churchill

GENERAL CHURCHILL, U. S. A.

died in Washington on Sunday last, aged, according

58 years. This is undoubtedly incorrect, as it would

make him only eight years old when he entered the

Gen. Churchill was one of the few remaining

links between the new army of 1862, and the old

army of 1812. The only officers now living who

Lieut. Gen. Scott, retired from active service. Major Gen. J. E. Wool, Commanding Middle Department.

Gen. James W. Ripley, Chief of Ordunace. Col. Henry K. Craig, Ordinance Department. Col. John Symington, Ordinance Department. Col. Gustavas Loomis, Colonel 5th Infantry. Lieut. Col. N. Tanyer, Corps of Engineers. Lieut. Col. Rene E. De Rossy, Corps of Engineers. Major Thomas J. Leelle, Pay Department. James S. Abeel, Military Storekeeper of Ordinance. James R. Hanham, Military Storekeeper of Ordinance.

than the age given, and was probably more.

with Great Britain, are the following:

one reputation from the start-that of a Second The cold susp has set the ice running down the river, and it is expected the Mississippi will soon be

NEW-YORK, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1862.

A most desperate effort will be made to defeat B. Gesta Brown for the United States Senate by a class of Emancipationlists, who recently adhered to Cen. Blair and indorsed his "Don't-agitate-the-negro-question" policy, while claiming to be in favor of the Procedent's Proclamation. The objection to Mr. Brown is that he is too Radical—a charge which comes with a bad grace from a party who claimed Radical votes at the late election, on the score that their candidates were as Radical as any in the field. The name of Samuel T. Glover, esq., has been stated in opposition to B. Gratz Brown. Mr. Glover is an admirable lawyer, a profound thinker, send an able orator, but his claims are far less presulting on the party than those of his competitor. The Blair and Anti-Blair quarrel will thus be carried to the Legislature; but as the Anti-Blair men have the seventeen representatives from St. Lonis County as a capital to begin business on, these chances of success are lost. The delegation is united on B. Gratz Brown.

No Person Allowed to Pass Our Lines.

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An Emarcipation majority in both branches of the next Legalature is conceded by all parties. The interior Pro-Shavery organs are beginning to see that it is not points to pitch into the Abolitonists as formerly, and are taking the one from The Missouri Remadiscan, and advocating gradual Emancipation on some plan which will not violently disrupt the ties between master and slave, and produce confusion in the industrial interests of the State.

Amendments to the Constitution and an acceptance No Person Allowed to Pass Our Lines.

HEADQUARTERS, Tuesday, Dec. 9, 1862. The weather is milder and the snow has melted

considerably. An officer who came through from Alexandria by land with a strong escort, was told at Dumfries, that sixteen sutlers with their wagons were captured by White's Rebel Cavalry last week, and the owners made to drive their own teams to some Rebel station in the interior. White was represented as having a regiment of cavalry. It has for several days been considered unsafe to pass beyond Dumfries, without

a stron escort. A special Court-Martial met to-day to try John W. Iroine, on the charge of being a spy, he having been captured within our lines. The accused was a private in the 9th Virginia Cavalry, and was captured near his father's house, in the vicinity of Hart-

wood Court-House, It is ufflerstood that the Court have agreed upon a finding, the result of which is not known. The following General Order has just been pub-

ished:

Gen. Halleck's allusion to the withdrawal of Gen.
Steele's division from Arksussa on the eve of an important expedition against Little Rock, and transferring them to Missouri to protect the Senth-east against an imaginary enemy, confirms the strictures passed upon the movement at the time; but it is considered rather extraordinary here that Gen. Cartis's staff officers threw the blame of the movement exclusively upon Gen. Halleck, and declared that Curtis was not responsible for it. This item will yet make a row. The Rebels in the Shenaudonh Valley-Information as to their Strength and Position-They Number only Twenty-three

Special Dispatch to The N. V. Tribune.

Washington, Thesday, Dec. 2, 1882.
Your special correspondent telegraphs as follows, dated Hendquarters Sigel's Corps, Fairfax Court-House, Va., Dec. 9, 2 p.m., trustworthy information has been received of the strength and position of Rebel forces in the Shenandoah Valley. The whole force is about 2,306, under command of Brig.-Gev. Jones, and disposed as follows: The 7th Virginia Cavalty, numbering about 4.0 from Paytown to points south of Cairo has caused quite a hard feeling in this city among merchants. They were begining to see daylight in trading with the South, but have been stopped at the onset of the expected career of Secessionist who has been considered generally, and by everybody, as one of the most detested Rebels in town. Yet he is released on the evidence of Gen. Cavalry, numbering about 450, from Pewtown to ginia. He would also have substantially created fifteen Woodstock; the 6th Virginia Cavalry, 600 strong, are on duty from Woodstock to near McDowell: State of Virginia Cavalry, 250 men, are in the 17th Virginia Cavalry, 250 men, are in the House to which West Virginia will be entitled, and the new State, beside the number of members of this House, to which was come in hereafter from are on duty from Woodstock to near McDowell; the 17th Virginia Cavalry, 250 men, are in the vicinity of Charlestown; the 12th Virginia Cavalry, Francis P. Blair, jr., and others. Gen. Blair has in-jured himself in this matter considerably in the eyes of loyal men. The individual thus exempted be-longed to the Lecompton Chamber of Commerce, vicinity of Charlestown; the 12th Virginia Cavairy, also the number which may come in hereafter from the so-called Virginia itself, under Mr. Pierpont's vicinity of White Post; Wheat's Legion, otherwise certificate. known as the Louisiana Tigers Infantry, but now composed principally of Marylanders, are in the vicinity of Strasburg, with eight pieces of artitlery, six and twelve pounder rifled gans.

As it is understood there are between 6,000 and ,000 sick and wounded Rebels in the towns from Woodstock to Staunton, this force was undoubtedly left in the valley to prevent any raids for the purpose of paroling them.

Scoats report nothing of note in front to-day. A srmy as a commissioned officer in 1812. He had Rebel patrol was seen in Hopeville Gap. A refugee from Louisa County, who has been living in the woods for nearly a year to avoid being pressed into

The Court-Martial of Gen. Porter.

He was distinguished in Mexico. The other, Capt.

Charles C. Churchill, has been placed on the list of

The Court at 3 o'clock adjourned till to morrow at

11 o'clock.

The Propeller Charles Osgood Disabled. PHILADELPHIA. Tuesday, Dec. 9, 1862.

GEN. SIGEL'S REQUEST FOR A COURT OF INQUIRY.

BURNSIDE'S REPLY.

Washington, Tuesday, Dec. 9, 1982. THE ADMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA,

The House debated the West Virginia bill to-day antil 5 o'clock. The discussion was the most animated and important of the session. The Hon. Martin F. Conway of Kansas opposed the admission in a which were as follows:

the question was of great importance as touching other matters than the one immediately under coa-sheratioon. He had reason to believe that it was the intention of the President to recognize the for-mation of State organizations in all the second

the service, came into our lines to-day and gladly took the oath. Two contrabands have arrived from Sperryville, but having been two weeks on the way their news has been anticipated.

States.

He will have twenty-two senators and nearly one half of the electoral college, to say nothing of this house and every thing clse. How much better, pray, would this be than the slave obligarchy itself to pray, would this be than the slave obligarchy itself to pray.

ofore opposed will now vote for it. Upon the passage of the bill, the Pierrepont Government, which

ination, and that his appointment will not long be THE CONDEMNED MINNESOTA INDIANS It is now stated positively that the President has nt forward an order directing that thirty-nine of

the condemned Minnesota Indians, specifically named, be hanged on the 19th instant. GEN, SIGEL'S REQUEST FOR A COURT OF

Gen. Burnside, to whom Gen. Sigel's request for

a Court of Inquiry was made, writes as follows to on the Virginia side, in the month of November, I

this army I am well acquainted. I take pleasure in issances you have directed."

This may be received as an expression also of the general opinion of those officers best qualified to

Frost, Seymour, do.; S. B. Bushnell, Rockville, do.; G. R. Henry, Burlington, Iowa; J. M. Shaffer, Fairfield, do.; A. S. Weatherby, Cardington, O.; Thos. S. Dawes, Saugerties, N. Y.; Chas. A. Dake, Warsaw, do.; Abraham M. Neyman, Butler, Pa.; D. Llewellyn Beaver, Reading, Pa.; Alex. Stewart, Shippensburg, do.; Adams Moore, Lattleton, N. H.; Francis P. Fitch, Amberst, do.; Uriel H. Peck, Ft. Howard, Wis. Howard, Wis.

PRICE THREE CENTS.

MAJ.-GEN. SEDGWICK.

Msj.-Gen. John Sedgwick, who still remains in Washington, and is not wholly recovered from his Confirmation of the Capture of a Union wounds, will shortly be assigned to the command of an army corps not yet designated.

DEATHS OF SOLDIERS IN HOSPITAL. The following deaths of soldiers have occurred in the hospitals since our last publication:
Jas. Reut, G. 71 Obio.
L. Russell, T. Bat. N. Y. Art.
Daniel Boom. A. 131 Pa.
J. W. Loussberry, D. 37 ConChris. Wicker, G., 2 N. Y. Cav. David Moredon, A., 12 N. H.

To the American Press.

WASHINGTON, Tuesday, Dec. 9, 1862.

NEGRO COLONIZATION.

The recently published foreign correspondence shows that our Government proposed the voluntary colonization of Americans of African descent in the British Colonies, but Earl Russell declined the

Gen. Webb, Minister to Brazil, has been exerting himself to effect a treaty by which all the free pegroes of our country shall be transplanted to the regions of the Amazon, at the expense of the United speech of great force and ability, the main points of States, and there endowed with land gratuitously by Brazil, and at the expiration of a term of years Mr. Conway was not opposed to the erection of a become citizens of Brazil, with all the new State in West Virginia, but to the form in rights and privileges of the free negro which the proposition was presented. This bill population of the Empire, all of whom, by the Constitution, are the recognized course of the white was not so much for the noise state as it was for a division of an old one, and the Constitution, are the recognized equals of the white the assent of its Legislature was first obtained.

He denied that the State of Virginia, of which Mr. Pierpoint is Governor, was the lawful State. It was true that the President had done wrong, it made it the more important, in so grave a matter, that the House of Representatives should do right.

Mr. Conway argued at some length against the Mr. Mr. Conway argued at some length against the distinctions between the white and black races which once existed have been nearly evaluated.

As serious fears seemed to be entertained by the people of Nicaragua that the President intended cestablishing a colony of free colored persons in some office of the Empire, and where already the social Kentucky, or a dash on Fort Donelson, were at

Mr. Conway argued at some length against the legality of the Wheeling Government. He thought part of Central America, our Minister to that country the question was at part of Central America, our Minister to that country assures its Government that no such project will be con- attempted against the known wishes of the people of those States.

MR. STEVENS'S FINANCIAL BILL. The Revenue bill published this morning was not States.

A policy was about to be Inaugurated locking to the assumption of State powers by a few individuals, wherein a military or other encampment could be effected in any of the rebellions districts. The state of the charge is a minimum of the rebellions districts. The state of the charge is a state of the charge is

The examination of Mr. Peleg Clark was con-

inued, but no new facts were elicited. About 2:30 p. m. Gen. McClellan arrived and tes-

tified as follows. The questions were put by Gen. McDowell:

McDowell:

Q. I desire Gen. McClellan to inform the Court as fully and distinctly as he can on the following heads: First, as to Gen. McDowell's conduct while in command of a division in the Army of the Potomac. Second, as to Gen. McDowell's conduct while in command of the first army corps, Army of the Potomac. Third, as to Gen. McClellan's conduct so far as it bears on his plans and operations while he was in command of the Department of the Rappahannock.

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Court of Inquiry was made, writes as follows to define the Virginia side, in the month of November, I think he was intrusted to the selection of the ground and the entire conduct of the review, and discharged the duty in a most satisfactory and skillful manner.

Gen. McDowell desiring to enter upon a different and merchandise, or articles so made and finished ready for sale and removal the duty in a most satisfactory and skillful manner.

Gen. McDowell desiring to enter upon a different and merchandise, or articles so made and finished ready for sale and removal the duty in a most satisfactory and skillful manner. bearing testimony to the zeal, efficiency and military line of examination, and the hour of three having aforesaid, the same shall be and hereby are remitted,

From San Francisco.

will be resumed.

San Francisco, Tuesday, Dec. 9, 1861.
Tunnage of all descriptions is very scarce. The commerce of the port is suffering for the want of it.
Business is without annimation. A fine rain prevails throughout the State to-day, which was much needed in the agricultural districts.

FROM GEN. GRANT'S ARMY.

Rebel Loss 300 Killed and Wounded.

A special dispatch, dated the 7th inst., from Oxford, Miss., says that Col. Dickey's Cavalry had a two hours engagement with the Rebels near Cofficeville on Friday night.

The Rebels are said to have had 5,000 infantry, eavalry, and artillery. The Union loss was 5 killed, 50 wounded, and 60

The Rebel loss was 300 killed and wounded.

Brigade by Morgan's Guerrillas at

Hartsville, Tenn.

Louisville, Ky., Monday, Dec. 8-12 o'clock, midnight.

A telegram just received from Nashville confirms the capture of the 104th Illinois Regiment, the 106th and 108th Ohio Regiments, Nicklin's Battery, and a detachment of the 2d Indiana Cavalry, all under the command of Colonel Moore, on Sunday morning, after an hour's fight, at Hartsville, Tenn., by the guerrillas, under John Morgan.

The number of Morgan's force is not stated.

There are no further particulars.

News from Oxford, Miss .- A Skirmish.

Oxford, Miss., news to Thursday last states that the rear guard of the Rebels, under the command of Gen. Jackson, had a skirmish on that morning with the Union advance force near the town.

The main body of the Rebel Army, 40,000 strong, passed through Oxford twelve hours before. The number of the Rebel sick and wounded is

said to be very large.

The War in the South-West.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Tuesday, Dec. 9, 1862.
Three thousand Rebel cavalry, supposed to be under Forrest, intending to make another raid info

Passengers from Gallatin contradtet the story of As serious fears seemed to be entertained by the the engagement there between Fry and the Rebelle.

FROM NORTH CAROLINA.

Disaffection in the Interior-A Victory by Burnside Will Bring the Border States Rack into the Union-Their Army Ranning Short of Lead-Lead Pipe Called

NEWDERN N. C., Dec. — FORT MONROE, Monday, Dec. 8, 1863. }
Great disaffection exists in the interior. Victory nder Gen. Burnside will be followed by the immediate and entira abandonment of the Border States, including North Carolina and Tennessee.

The Progress of the 20th ult. has the following: The Progress of the 22th ult has the following:
The Saccounth Republican makes a pitcome complaint over the Rebel losses in the recent battles. It
says the total loss amounts to 75,000 men. It says
the people of Charleston have pulled up their lead
pipes and contributed 60,000 pounds of lead to the
Government, and that the Rebel Government will
usue receipts for all lead pipes and other fixtures,
and binds itself to replace them at the end of the
war.

THE INTERNAL REVENUE LAW. Passage of an Important Amendatory Act

of Washington, with some few changes subsequently made for particular reasons.

Q. How did this division compare in discipline, drill and efficiency with your other divisions?

Gen. McCiellan—I would ask whether it relates sage of the bill, the Pierrepont Gevernment, which claims to be the Government of the whole of Virginia, will remove from Wheeling to Alexandria, and the new State will start in business on its own account. This pledge has already been given to the President, and the plan is not concealed from Congress.

THE VACANCY IN THE INTERIOR DEPARTMENT.

At a meeting of the Indiana Congressional Dole-

At a meeting of the Indiana Congressional Delegation to-night it was resolved that the delegation would make no effort to press the claims of any Indiana candidate as a successor to the present Secretary of Interior. It is considered that this determination leaves the way cfear for Judge Holt's nomination leaves the way cfear for section reventy-four of the act, entitled "An act inmand.

A. I think he did. I think be paid more attention to the division drill than many division commanders; though there were some few who paid such at ention as he, though none more than he, I should think. That is as far as I know.

Q. While he was under your command, was he (Gen. McDowell) ever intrusted by you with the handling on the same field of all the divisions on the Virginia side of the Potomac? If so, please state the occasion and the manner in which this duty was performed.

section reventy-four of the act, entitled "An act increasing temporarily the duties on imports, and for other purposes," approved July 14, 1862, is bereby repealed All goods, wares and merchandise, or articles produced or made, and finished ready for eale, and removed for consumption prior to the last day of September, 1862, whether actually removed or not from the place of manufacture, shall be and hereby are exempt from duty upon proof being made to the satisfaction of the Assessor of the District who shall satisfaction of the Assessor of the District who shall A. On the occasion of a review of all the troops hear and determine the same, that they were so skill displayed by yourself and your officers in the management of your force, and the fruitful recommorrow, when the examination of Gen. McClellan sioner of Internal Revenue, under such regulations morrow, when the examination of Gen. McClellan sioner of Internal Revenue, under such regulations as he may prescribe.

Hotels, inns, or taverns, and esting-houses, having taken out the license provided therefor, shall not be required to pay any other license for the sale of any articles customarily furnished by hotels, inue, or taverns, and eating-houses, and not prohibited by the laws of any State or Territory where the same may be located, in violation thereof.

Municipal Election. MANCHESTER, N. H., Tuesday, Dec. 9, 1863. Theodore P. Abbott, (Republican) was electe Mayor of this city to-day.